

Amendments to the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A part for supporting and fixing an electrical or electronic component, which part comprises a compartment for supporting the electrical or electronic component, two claws which are each in engagement and in electrical continuity with a pin on the electrical or electronic component disposed in the compartment between the two claws, and a detachable closing cover, wherein a blade is fixed to the closing cover so as to sever an electric wire which is in engagement and in electrical continuity with the two claws in such a way as to connect the electrical or electronic component in series with the electric wire, wherein it comprises a block so as to serve as a support for the electric wire during the severing operation by the blade, and further comprises baffles fixed to the detachable closing cover to promote the disengagement of the two strands of the severed electric wire.

Claims 2-6 (Cancelled)

7. (New) A supporting and fixing part according to claim 1, wherein the detachable closing cover is replaced by a closing cap that pivots in relation to the supporting compartment about a hinge and wherein the baffles are fixed to the closing cap.

8. (New) A supporting and fixing part according to claim 7, wherein the blade possesses a leading angle such that the cutting edge extends in a direction which intersects the direction of the pivoting hinge.